

Rules Committee report are waived. The rule accords priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives points of order against all amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula, Forbes, Young of Alaska, Tauzin, Roukema, Dan Schaefer of Colorado, Houghton, Morella, Ehlers, Horn, Foley, Weldon of Florida, Yates, Pelosi, Obey, Dingell, Lewis of Georgia, Slaughter, Nadler, Harman, Stupak, Farr of California, Gutierrez, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

OCEAN AND COASTAL ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Ocean and Coastal Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Forbes and Romero-Barceló; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Director, Facilities and Engineering Command, Department of the Navy; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; Jeffrey Benoit, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Alexander F. Treadwell, Secretary, Department of State, State of New York; Jane K. Stahl, Assistant Director, Office of Long Island Sound Programs, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the following bills: S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses; and H.R. 2040, to amend title 38, United States Code, to deny burial in a federally funded cemetery to persons convicted of certain capital crimes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bachus, Skelton and Knollenberg; Jerry W. Bowen, Director, National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs; Johnny H. Killian, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a representative of veterans organizations.

Joint Meetings

TRADABLE EMISSIONS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the concept of tradable emissions (also known as tradable credits or allowances) which provide policy makers an opportunity to employ the power of markets to ease the burden of environmental regulations, focusing on the sulfur dioxide allowances trading program created by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to control acid rain, after receiving testimony from Peter Guerrero, Director of Environmental Protection Issues, General Accounting Office; Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Mary Gade, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Daniel Dudek, Environmental Defense Fund, and Carlton Bartels, Cantor Fitzgerald Environmental Brokerage Services, both of New York, New York; and Daniel Chartier, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Milwaukee.

TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine certain issues with regard to the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, issued by the United States Forest Service on May 23, 1997, receiving testimony from Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, General Accounting Office; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; and Phil Janik, Alaska Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense and energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold oversight hearings on financial institutions in the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to continue joint hearings with the House Resources Committee to review the final draft of the Tongass Land Management Plan, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the preliminary findings of the General Accounting Office concerning a study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to climate change, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, John C. Holzman, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, and S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for vocational education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold oversight hearings on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the Administration's proposal to restructure Indian gaming fee assessments, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1384-85 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to markup the Legislative Appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to markup Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary

appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 2:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review Treasury Department efforts to combat counterfeiting and its compliance with the international counterfeiting provisions of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Literacy: Why Children Can't Read, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to continue oversight hearings on Fraud and Abuse in Nursing Home Services Billed to Medicare and Medicaid, Part 2, 10:00 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law; and H.R. 1944, Warner Canyon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Federal vs. State management of parks, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on Will Federal Government Computers Be Ready for the Year 2000? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the need to implement the Congressional Review Act, and how doing so can benefit small business, 10:00 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the status of the Investigation of the Crash of the TWA 800 and the proposal concerning the death on the High Seas Act; 9:30 a.m., and to markup the following bills: H.R. 2036, Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997, and H.R. 2005, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the Death on the High Seas Act to aviation incidents, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, 9:00 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs medical programs, to include consideration of pending proposals, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on The Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 1:00 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of

the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, 1:30 p.m., S-5, Capitol.

Joint Hearing, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to continue joint hearings with the House Resources Committee to review the final draft of the Tongass Land Management Plan, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.